

OF NOTE

BLOOD DRIVES

Kirtland AFB drives

United Blood Services conducts blood drives on Kirtland AFB.

Call 768-1408.

Upcoming drives are at:

- ★ Sandia National Labs **every Tuesday**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- ★ Honeywell FM&T, **March 11**, bloodmobile, 7:30-11 a.m.
- ★ Air Force Inspection Agency, **March 12**, bloodmobile, 8-11:30 a.m.
- ★ Air Force Safety Center, **March 12**, bloodmobile, 8-11:30 a.m.

BRIEFINGS

Suicide prevention

All mandatory Suicide Prevention training is in the theater on:

- ★ **March 3**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.; **March 18**, 7 a.m.
- ★ **April 9**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **May 26**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **June 9**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.; **June 23**, 7 a.m.
- ★ **July 13**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **Aug. 11**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **Sept. 16**, 7 a.m.; **Sept. 29**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **Oct. 13**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.; **Oct. 21**, 7 a.m.
- ★ **Nov. 3**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.; **Nov. 23**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **Dec. 8**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.; **Dec. 16**, 7 a.m.; **Dec. 22**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.

CLOSINGS

Doris Street closure

Doris Street, on the west side, is closed **tomorrow** between Aberdeen and Randolph Avenues for trenching.

Individual equipment

The Individual Equipment unit of Base Supply will be closed March 8-12 for annual inventory.

For emergencies call Daniel Meyers, 846-0075 or Christine Schneider, 846-0135, after hours 991-0609.

45th Ave. closing

Construction of a neighborhood park, tot lot and clubhouse to tie into Pershing Park causes 45th Avenue to close between West Sandia Circle and Pennsylvania Street, starting **March 4**.

Pedestrian traffic will also be stopped.

Munitions inventory

The 898th Munitions Squadron Conventional Munitions Flight is

closed for a 100 percent munitions stockpile inventory **March 8-12**.

Munitions custodians are reminded that emergency requests only will be processed during this period. Requests must be submitted in writing and approved by group commander or equivalent.

If support (courtesy storage or issue) is required during this time period, submit contact as soon as possible.

Call Master Sgt. Greg Sommer, 853-2177 or 846-2519.

EDUCATION

Officer mentoring

An Air Force Cadet/Officer Mentor Action Program is being started at Kirtland AFB.

AFCOMAP is a private, non-profit organization sanctioned by the Air Force.

The purpose of the organization is to promote the professional development of Air Force officers and to assist officer candidates with their transition into the Air Force.

Call Capt. Christine Benjamin, 846-8325 or e-mail christine.benjamin@kirtland.af.mil.

ACSC version 4

With the introduction of Air Command and Staff College version 4, Air Command and Staff College Seminars may now start at any time of the year.

The minimum group size is three and attendance is neither tracked nor reported.

Direct questions to the Education Center, 846-9933 or 846-8955.

CLEP Exams

The following six CLEP exams will not be available on base after **March 31**: Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, English Literature, American Literature, Educational Psychology, and French.

For scheduling, call 846-8955.

SAT offered

The Education Center offers the SAT **Feb. 24**, 9 a.m., room 116B, Building 20602C.

The test is free one time only to members of all military services, including active duty, Reserve and Guard.

Register for the test at the Education Center and receive a sample test and registration bulletin. Call 856-9933 or 846-8955.

ALS graduation

The Airman Leadership School hosts graduation ceremony and lunch, **April 2**, 11:30 a.m., for Class 04-D in the Mountain View Club.

Tickets can be purchased from students or by contacting the ALS via e-mail:

377MSS.DPN@kirtland.af.mil.

Tickets must be purchased by **March 26**. Duty uniform is acceptable.

For upcoming class information and eligible attendees check out the Airman Leadership School Web site at <https://wwwmil.kirtland.af.mil/Organizations/als/ALS%20Home.htm>.

EVENTS

Retiree briefing

The 377th Air Base Wing Retiree Activities Office briefing is **tomorrow**, 10-11:30 a.m., in the Rio Grande Community Center, Building 20226.

The briefing includes updates on proposed changes to the Combat Related Special Compensation, concurrent disability pay, dependency indemnity compensation and survivors benefit plan.

Presentations are by Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Defense Commissary Agency and New Mexico Memorial board of governors.

VA Arts Festival

The New Mexico Veterans Affairs Health Care System conducts its second annual Veterans Creative Arts Festival competition, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. **March 2**, Recreation Hall, Building 2.

New Mexico Veterans Affairs Health Care System patients can participate in the competition. The entry deadline is **today**.

Four different divisions comprise the contest including visual arts, performance-dance, performance-drama and performance-music.

For an entry form, call 265-1711 or 800-465-8262, exts. 2208 or 2858.

Inspection banquet

The annual Air Force Inspection Agency awards banquet is **March 12**, 6 p.m., at the Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown Hotel.

Past and present AFIA members are invited.

Social begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Dress for military is semiformal or mess dress and for civilians is evening dress or coat and tie.

Tickets are \$25. Make reservations by **March 3**.

Call Capt. David Pena at 846-2002.

Masquerade Ball

The Kirtland Officers' Spouses' Club's masquerade ball and silent auction is **March 6** in the Mountain View Club. Social hour is at 6 p.m. The event is open to everyone with access to the base.

DJ music for dancing follows dinner. A photographer is available for pictures of people in their masks and costumes. A costume contest will decide the ball king and queen.

Although costumes are not required, they are encouraged. Dress without a costume should be coat and tie or equivalent dress for military.

Bring a mask or buy one at the door for \$5 or \$10.

On-site childcare includes pizza and cookies. Call Amy, 836-3679 before **March 4**.

To order tickets, call Ginger at 899-2416 or George at 266-3764.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Hearts Apart

Hearts Apart Family Arcade Night, **tonight**, 5-8 p.m., is in the Family Support Center.

Pizza and games will be available for the enjoyment of those with a deployed family member.

Call 846-0741.

Small business

Service Corps of Retired Executives Small Business Counseling is **March 2**, 9-11:30 a.m. by appointment only, in the Family Support Center.

A volunteer from SCORE is available to discuss business plans and to answer questions about starting a small business. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Call 846-0741 for an appointment.

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Transition

New Mexico Department of Labor Transition Assistance Program is **March 3-5**, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Consolidated Support Building.

The three-day workshop is open to all retiring military members and their spouses within two years of retiring or to separating military members and their spouses within one year of separating.

Civilians undergoing a reduction in force are also welcome.

Job search techniques, resume writing and interviewing, as well as other issues important to transitioning military members, will be covered. Wear civilian attire and bring a resume for review.

Call 846-0741 to register.

Job search

Job Search Orientation Workshop is **March 3**, 1:30-4 p.m., in the Family Support Center.

Call 846-0741 to register.

Elder care

Elder Care Seminar is **March 3**, 3-5 p.m., in the Family Support Center.

If you are or will become responsible for an aging parent this is the class for you.

Cindy Brown, a geriatric social worker, addresses issues relevant to caring for an aging family member, including dementia, Alzheimer's, nursing homes, facilitated living and financial resources.

Call 846-0741 to register.

Smooth move

Continental U.S. Outbound Smooth Move Briefing is **March 4**, 1:30-3 p.m., in the Family Support Center.

Call 846-0741 to sign up.

Home buyers

Home Buyers Seminar is **March 4**, 1-3 p.m., in the Family Support Center.

Call 846-0741 to register.

Disability transition

Disability Transition Assistance Program Seminar is **March 5**, 9-11:30 a.m., in the Family Support Center.

Bring your medical records.

Call 846-0741 to register.

VA benefits

Veterans Affairs Benefits and Entitlements Briefing is **March 5**, 1-4 p.m., in the Family Support Center.

Call 846-0741 to register.

Hearts Apart

The Hearts Apart Support Group meets **March 6**, 1-3 p.m. in the Consolidated Support Building, room 120.

Open to all who have a deployed family member. A children's craft activity will be available.

Call Master Sgt. Lloyd McKenzie, 846-0741.

New spouses

Heart Link Spouse Orientation is available by appointment.

The briefing, for spouses new to the military, is about everything you

should know about life in the military. Register at 846-0741.

Pre-deployment brief

Pre-deployment briefings are at the Family Support Center on **Mondays, Wednesdays** and **Fridays**, 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and **Thursdays** at 5 p.m.

Contact Master Sgt. C. Lloyd McKenzie, 853-1704 to be scheduled.

MEETINGS

Military widows

The Military Widows Group's next meeting is **March 6**, 9:30 a.m., in the Chapel annex.

Call Marjorie Bowling, 294-1090.

Preschool groups

Parents and their preschoolers are invited to attend weekly play groups, **Fridays**, 10:30 a.m.-noon, at the Maxwell Child Development Center and **Wednesdays**, 10:30 a.m.-noon, at the Youth Center.

Call Mike Walti, 846-0139.

MISCELLANEA

BDU backorder

Backorders from the military supply system are affecting Army and Air Force Exchange Service Military Clothing Sales Stores. Air Force Military Clothing Sales Stores are out of stock on selected sizes of Enhanced Hot Weather and Temperate Battle Dress Uniform coats and trousers.

The military supply system

advised AAFES that the get-well date for the temperate BDUs is **August**.

Representatives said the supply problem is due to the allocation of BDU production to support the increase in desert requirements as a result of the war in Iraq.

Food Stamps

A prescreening tool for determining eligibility to receive food stamps is online at www.usda.gov.

Under "Browse by subject," click "Food and Nutrition." Under "Related Topics," click "Food Assistance," and under "Featured Areas," click "Online Prescreening Tool."

The prescreening tool is not an application for food stamps. Contact the food stamp office in Human Services Income Support Divisions for Bernalillo and Valencia counties.

Free Tax Preparation

Active duty, retired military and their dependents are eligible for free tax preparation at the VITA Tax Center.

More information is available at the Tax Center's Web site at www.kirtland.af.mil. Click on the "Organizations" tab at the top, then click on Tax Center on the "Organizations" page.

Call 853-1700 for an appointment.

Dress, appearance

A Dress and Appearance Web site, listed under "support programs," at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil provides answers to your questions.

If your questions need research, e-mail to afpc.dress@randolph.af.mil/.

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